(c) The space and facilities have been further extended by the functioning of the speciality clinics. The number of chairs and units have been increased from 4 in 1983 to 22 till date. Further the authorities are arranging to provide more chairs and units for the better facilities to the patients.

(d) The details are given below:

	1983	1984	1985	1986
Prof.	..	1	1	1
Lecturer	..	1	1	..
Associate Prof.	1	..	..	..
Asstt. Prof.	..	..	2	2
Demonstrator	4	4	5	5
G.D.O.	2	2	2	2
Reader	1	..	..	..
TOTAL	8	8	11	10

(e) The present strength is slightly inadequate but steps are being taken to provide additional staff. Sterilisation facilities are adequate with present patient care.

Evils of immoral traffic amongst women

2876. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item that appeared in the Indian Express on the 5th October, 1986 to the effect that existing laws for eliminating or overcoming evils of immoral traffic amongst women under SITA penalises the prostitutes and gives power to the pimp and leads to a situation quite contrary to the contemplated objectives; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Section 5 of the Suppression of the Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956 deals with punishment for procuring, inducing or taking from one place to another a woman or girls for the sake of prostitution. This Act has further been amended in August, 1986 and the penal provisions for such offence made more stringent.

Book stalls at railway platforms

2877. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "sole selling rights" clause was withdrawn as per Railway Board's orders from all the bookstall contractors current agreements; and

(b) whether it is a fact that under the sole selling rights clause, about 133 bookstalls and thousands of book counter tables/trolleys have been allotted to M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. from 1976, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) At pre-

sent, "Sole selling right" clause is included only in the agreement with M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Company.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

दिल्ली —राजहरा —जगदामपुर के बीच बड़ी रेल लाइन

2878. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली-राजहरा-जगदामपुर के बीच बड़ी रेल लाइन के निर्माण के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया): (क) और (ख) दिल्ली-राजहरा और जगदामपुर के बीच एक नयी बड़ी रेल लाइन (234 कि० मी०) के सर्वेक्षण को अद्यतन करने तथा उसका वित्तीय पुनर्मूल्यांकन करने का कार्य चल रहा है। सर्वेक्षण के पूरा हो जाने के बाद आगे कार्रवाई की जायेगी जो इस परियोजना के वित्तीय निहितार्थों तथा संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगी।

Ssmposium on 'American Understanding of India'

2879. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that at a symposium held in Washington by the Congressional Research Service on "American Understanding of India" to mark the formal end of Festival of India, the U.S. scholars expressed their discontent over the denial of visa facilities by Government and restricing their "research access" thereby curbing their enthusiasm in the research of Indian art, culture and religion;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of visas rejected in the case of American Scholars/researchers during the last two years till date stating the reasons for imposing the restrictions on the scholars/researchers wishing to study the Indian art, culture and religion; and

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider its decision?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) At a Symposium on American Understanding of India, organised by the US Library of Congress from October 23-25, 1986, as part of the Festival of India, some American scholars expressed dissatisfaction over alleged delays in the clearance of some research projects by Government of India.

(b) and (c) The percentage of research proposals of American Scholars rejected during 1985 and 1986 (todate) is about 13.5 percent and 10 percent respectively. Decision in this regard is taken after consulting the concerned agencies, including considration of security/ sensitivity aspects.

Delayed departure of a train at Bhopal Station

2880. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in the Times of India, dated the 4th October, 1986 under the caption 'Minister holds up train's departure', if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action has been taken in the matter and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. It was reported that the G.T. Express was detained at Bhopal by over an hour.